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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 807

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A RESOLUTION to recognize William Bryan McCarter, 2000  
Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, William Bryan McCarter is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, William has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, William McCarter has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to academic excellence, William has been recognized with numerous academic honors and accolades including, All A's, Software Tools, Honors English, Leadership and Character, and Band awards; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his astounding success in the classroom, William also dedicates countless hours to clubs, organizations, and other extracurricular activities; he serves

with probity as President of the Beta Club, Vice President of the Teen Board, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Editor of the *Sevierian Yearbook*, and Captain of the Scholars Bowl Team; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable high school career, he has also been a valued member of the Ski Club, AFS, Youth Alive, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Drama Club, SCHS Academic Club, Interact, and the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, a gifted leader and talented musician, William has been a significant member of the Sevier County High School Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Drama Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, with a passion for music, he has excelled as a saxophone player, both alto and baritone, and earned first chair honors for his incredible playing abilities; and

WHEREAS, in addition, William served as a Band Officer, as the Assistant Drum Major, and then guided and directed the band as the Drum Major for two consecutive years, in which position he earned first place honors at the Appalachian Contest Festival; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his school and displaying a real passion for government, he served with acumen and alacrity as Vice President of the Freshman Class, Vice President of the Student Council, as a member of Youth in Government, as a delegate to American Legion Boys State, and as a nominee for the Congressional Youth Conference and National Youth Leadership Forum on Law; and

WHEREAS, he was voted SCHS Superior Sevierian and Most Intellectual; William also served as his school's representative for the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout and valued member of the First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, William's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, William's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Joe and Lisa McCarter, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, William McCarter's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, William Bryan McCarter, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.